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1. ON 30 JUNE 1978, EMBASSY RECEIVED OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM ROC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO OUR AIDE MEMOIRE OF 8 JUNE. RESPONSE, IN THE FORM OF AN AIDE MEMOIRE MARKED "URGENT" AND "SECRET," STATED AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: AIDE MEMOIRE. REFERENCE IS MADE TO AIDE MEMOIRE, DATED JUNE 8TH, 1978, OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES, IN WHICH AN ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE OF SEALING THE REFUELING MACHINE OF THE TRR WAS PROPOSED BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

3. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS PLEASED TO INFORM THE U. S. EMBASSY THAT THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, UNDER WHICH THE REFUELING MACHINE WOULD NOT BE SEALED BUT ALL THE CHANNELS WOULD BE SEALED EXCEPT THOSE WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR SPECIFIED RESEARCH, REQUIRING THE LOADING OR UNLOADING OF
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SAMPLES BETWEEN IAEA INSPECTIONS. PRIOR TO EACH INSPECTION VISIT BY THE IAEA, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WOULD, AS PROPOSED BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT, INFORM THE IAEA WHICH CHANNELS WOULD BE NEEDED FOR SUCH RESEARCH PURPOSES, SPECIFYING THE NATURE AND TIMING OF EXPERIMENTS TO BE CONDUCTED IN EACH OF THOSE CHANNELS. A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE U. S. EMBASSY.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE DISPOSITION OF SPENT FUEL FROM THE TRR, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WISHES TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT SUBJECT TO THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ASSIST THE ROC IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF SUCH SPENT FUEL AND TO ASSUME TITLE TO IT AS OF THE TIME IT LEAVES THE TERRITORY OF THE ROC, AS INDICATED IN THE EMBASSY AIDE MEMOIRE OF APRIL 24, 1978, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO BEAR ALL COSTS OF PREPARING, PACKAGING, AND TRANSPORTING THE SPENT FUEL FROM TAIWAN TO A SITE IN NORTH AMERICA TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

5. THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE FOREGOING SO THAT THE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL ON JULY 6TH IN TAIPEI OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT THE MEASUREMENTS OF THE FUEL OF THE TRR IN CONJUNCTION WITH IAEA WILL NOT BE DELAYED. TAIPEI, JUNE 30, 1978. END QUOTE. UNGER

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